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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SAKAE ISHIKAWA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BUTLER, M.
SERIAL NO: 09/848,764 :
FILED: MAY 4, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3653
FOR: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR :
MANAGING RACK OPERATION,
METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR
MANAGING MULTISTAGE RACK,
ARTICLE CONVEYANCE AND
STORAGE DEVICE, AND COMPUTER
PRODUCT

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006 and the Notice of Panel
Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed October 16, 2006, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.